

**DENALI BOROUGH, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 20-03**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE IN ITS'
EFFORTS TO ENSURE LONG TERM ACCESS INTO DENALI
NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE BY WAY OF THE EXISTING
ROADWAY AND ENCOURAGING ALL EFFORTS TO ENSURE A FULL
AND SUCCESSFUL 2020 VISITOR SEASON**

WHEREAS, tourism is vital to the economy of the borough, the state, and outdoor recreation represents one of the fastest growing, sustainable market sectors in the economy of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Denali National Park and Preserve is the crown jewel of tourism in Alaska and is the centerpiece of the outdoor recreation market of the state; and

WHEREAS, over 600,000 people visit Denali Park and Preserve each year; and

WHEREAS, the 92-mile Denali Park Road, which is the longest road in the Denali Borough, serves as a primary access corridor and a valuable economic generator; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service has done an admirable job of ensuring that the Park Road remains accessible for residents, property inholders, and outside visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, environmental challenges affecting the Park Road are expected to exceed the ability of the National Park Service to maintain the current alignment of the road in the future; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Denali Borough, the State of Alaska, and the United States of America share a vested interest in keeping Denali National Park and Preserve accessible for the enjoyment and inspiration of all user groups.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Denali Borough Assembly encourages the President of the United States, the United States Congress, and the Governor of Alaska to assist the National Park Service in its' efforts to ensure long-term access into Denali National Park and Preserve by way of the existing roadway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Denali Borough Assembly urges the National Park Service to take the necessary and prudent steps to ensure an on-time road opening as scheduled for the 2020 visitor season.

PASSED and APPROVED by the DENALI BOROUGH ASSEMBLY this 12th day of February, 2020.



CLAY WALKER, MAYOR

ATTEST: 

Connie MacMaster, BOROUGH DEPUTY CLERK

VOTE: *Unanimous*

